

ADVISORY PARK BOARD REGULAR SESSION

Aug 11th, 2016

Item 1: Call to order

6:38pm the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Yancey.

Committee Members present were Chairman Ron Yancey, Sean Rippe, Constance Aames, Donna Rouse and Rocky Compton.

Committee Members Chip Kidd was not present.

Also Present was Mayor Hickey, City Clerk Beth West, and Admin. Assistant Dianna Courter.

It shall be noted that on Aug 10, 2016 Committee Member, Joshua Moss submitted his resignation to the Advisory Park Board.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ron Yancey led the pledge.

Item 3: Approval of Past Minutes

Motion was made by Rocky Compton, to approve the July 14th, 2016 minutes.

Motion was second by Donna Rouse.

Roll call vote with 5 ayes, Ron Yancey, Sean Rippe, Constance Aames, Donna Rouse and Rocky Compton. 0 Nays, motion was passed.

Item 4: Review past Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations

Beth West reviewed the Financial Statement through July 31st, 2016.

Item 5: Strategic Plan Update with Mark Maness

Mr. Mark Maness reviewed the first year of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Maness reviewed the Park Survey and 90% were either very or somewhat satisfied with each of the events. He asked the board to review the survey before eliminating events.

Mayor Hickey informed the board that 17% of the park budget is spent on events.

Mr. Maness asked the Park Board if they wanted to continue researching spray grounds or would they like to pursue another option.

Mr. Maness discussed possibility holding off on any further discussion until a City Administrator is in place.

At this time no further decisions have been made.

Item 6: Public Input

No one signed up to speak

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Item 7a: Review the Budget for Fiscal year 2017

Beth West reviewed the approved budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

At this time no further decision were made.

Item 7b: Discuss City Hall Haunt for 2016

Dianna Courter reviewed the estimated costs for the 2016 City Hall Haunt.

Mrs. Courter informed the board that the City Hall Haunt will require at least 14 volunteers and she will contact the local high school for potential students to volunteer.

Mrs. Courter discussed the possibility of having a trick or truck in the parking lot and inviting local business to hand out candy.

Continue She discussed a coloring contest instead of costume contest due to the large attendance.
Item 7b She is going to contact the Dickerson Zoo again this year.
She discussed recruiting a decorating committee for decorating.
At this time no further decisions were made.

Item 8: **New Business**

Item 8a: **Discuss playground equipment by Stars for Autism**

Dr. Linda Barboa discussed what it means for Battlefield to be Autism Friendly. She discussed the importance of Business becoming Autism Friendly and invited the Park Board to attend Autism training opportunities.
She discussed the fund raiser held on July 23 at the Branson Center Stage. All proceeds from this fundraiser were donated for park improvements at the Battlefield Cherokee Trail of Tears Park.
She discussed various type of playground equipment available for special needs children. She discussed the benefits of setting aside a portion of the Park Budget for equipment. Doing so could open up opportunities for others to contribute.
At this time no further decisions were made.

Item 8b: **Discuss and Possible vote to allow usage of the Community Room to prepare free tax returns.**

Sandra Byrd with Across the Life Span (ATLS) would like to reserve the Community Room every Thursdays in February, March and April of 2017. They provide free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, people with disabilities, older adults and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in tax returns. This is a volunteer program and does not have the funds to rent a facility.
Motion was made by Donna Rouse, to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to approve ATLS to use the Community Room for no charge every Thursday in February, March and April.
Motion was second by Rocky Compton.
Roll call vote with 5 ayes, Ron Yancey, Sean Rippe, Constance Aames, Donna Rouse and Rocky Compton. 0 Nays, motion was passed.

Item 8c: **Discuss the Tree Lighting and Santa in the City events**

Dianna Courter reviewed the estimated costs for the 2016 Tree Lighting and Santa in the City Event.
Mrs. Courter informed the board that the contract for hanging lights ended in 2015. She has been in contact with several companies but at this time no contracts have been turned in.
At this time no further decisions were made.

Item 8d: **Discuss the terms of office for Members**

Beth West discussed the terms of the Advisory Park Board Members. Per Section 140.060 of the ordinance; Advisory Park Board Members shall be appointed for staggered three-year terms. Each term of no more than three members shall expire each year.
Constance Aames will be extended until June 30, 2018.
Rocky Compton & Sean Rippe will be extended until June 30, 2019.

Item 8e: **Discuss the bid received for repairs to the Basketball & Tennis Court**

Beth West reviewed the bid from Final Grading for Basketball and Tennis Court Repairs. The Advisory Park Board was in agreement to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to accept the proposal from Final Grading for \$2400.

Item 8f: Discuss and Possible vote to approve Agreement for Multi-Years Fireworks Display

Beth West reviewed the agreement for multi-year fireworks display from A.M. Pyrotechnics.

Motion was made by Rocky Compton to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to accept the agreement from A.M. Pyrotechnics.

Motion was second by Sean Rippe.

Roll call vote with 5 ayes, Ron Yancey, Sean Rippe, Constance Aames, Donna Rouse and Rocky Compton. 0 Nays, motion was passed.

Item 9: Adjournment

9:10pm Ron Yancey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*The next regular session Advisory Park Board meeting
Thursday September 8th, 2016 at 6:30pm*

Ron Yancey Chairman Ron Yancey

9/8/16 Date

ATTEST:

Dianna Courter Admin. Assistant Dianna Courter

9/8/16 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes:

4 Ayes, Ron Yancey, Donna Rouse, Chip Kidd and
Rocky Compton 0 Nays
Motion Approved

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Approved Sept 8, 2016